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Letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 8 September 2004, addressed to you by Reşat Çağlar, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Altay **Cengizer**
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Annex to the letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

8 September 2004

I have the honour to convey herewith a copy of the letter dated 6 September 2004 addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Serdar R. Denktaş, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see enclosure).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Reşat **Çağlar**
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure

6 September 2004

It has come to my attention that the representative of the Greek Cypriot administration at the United Nations has circulated yet another letter concerning the so-called series of confidence-building measures proposed by the Greek Cypriot side on 6 August 2004. In that connection, I would like to bring to your attention the following pertinent views and concerns of the Turkish Cypriot side.

The said initiatives of the Greek Cypriot administration are obviously an attempt to neutralize the negative repercussions of the situation the Greek Cypriot side has encountered with the results of the referendum. As you no doubt are well aware, despite our constructive approach towards improving the relations between the two sides on the island and even implementing whenever possible what we have proposed unilaterally, our efforts do not yield the desired effect owing to the political impediments created by the Greek Cypriot administration.

With the latest so-called proposal, which includes the circulation of public-service vehicles owned by Turkish Cypriots and the facilitation of the movement of goods as well as development of contacts and economic relations between the two sides, we have witnessed, once again, the intention of the Greek Cypriot administration to extend its illegal authority to the Turkish Cypriot side as well as to continue holding our economic development hostage to its political considerations, confirming the major reason behind the resounding "no", which was to "upgrade and shield politically the Republic of Cyprus", as in Mr. Papadopoulos' own words in his address to the Greek Cypriot people on 7 April 2004, prior to the referendums.

The Greek Cypriot proposals attempt to curtail international efforts towards supporting the economic and social development of the Turkish Cypriot people. The European Council proposals on special conditions for trade with North Cyprus and the Greek Cypriot objections in that regard are well known and need no further elaboration. Therefore, the timing and formulation of the Greek Cypriot proposals leave no room for doubt that they are mainly aimed at preventing the Council proposals from materializing and benefiting the Turkish Cypriot people.

For its part, the Turkish Cypriot side has proven its dedication to reunification on the basis of partnership and political equality and its firm conviction in this regard remains unchanged. The Greek Cypriot side, on the other hand, is not only far from accepting any kind of compromise but has yet to come to terms with the fact that the Cyprus question needs to be solved between the two political and sovereign equal peoples on the island.

We only hope that the Greek Cypriot side will adopt the necessary constructive approach without further delay and, instead of impeding international efforts, start cooperating in lifting the economic, social and political restrictions that prevent the development of the Turkish Cypriot people. This is the only way to create another window of opportunity from the present impasse that they have created themselves.

Allow me to reiterate our firm dedication to attaining a just and durable solution based on bizonality and political equality. We only hope that the international community will not hesitate to take the necessary concrete steps to

ensure that the Greek Cypriot side adopts the same approach and commits itself to a just and viable solution by concrete action. We trust that your valuable efforts shall play an effective role in bringing about this desired outcome.

(*Signed*) Serdar R. **Denktaş**
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs